

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**History Of The United States**  
**Areas Of Study**

- I. Europeans establish colonies in North America
  - a. Efforts of Spain, France, Sweden, The Netherlands, and England
  - b. Reasons for colonization: mercantilism, religion, and others
- II. The Thirteen English colonies
  - a. Distinctions of northern, middle, and southern regions
  - b. Conflicts of farms, towns, plantations, slavery, and religion
- III. Colonial living
  - a. Issues of self-sufficiency, triangle trade, raw materials and manufactured goods
  - b. Colonial governments under British rule
- IV. The Movement to Independence
  - a. French-Indian War and Mississippi expansion
  - b. Necessity for taxation and military presence
  - c. Reasons for colonial protests and rebellion
  - d. Writing of the Declaration of Independence
- V. The American Revolutionary War
  - a. Roles of leaders and battles
  - b. Path to the outcome of the war
- VI. The United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights
  - a. Evolution of the document and the government
  - b. Importance of the division of power and compromises
- VII. Administrations of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe
  - a. Outline of the precedents set, and the rise of political parties
  - b. The Louisiana Purchase, the War of 1812, and the Monroe Doctrine
- VIII. The Jacksonian period
  - a. New political parties and leadership styles
  - b. The nullification doctrine, the spoils system, tariffs, and the National Bank
- IX. The nation divides
  - a. Conflicts and sectionalism leading up the Civil War
  - b. Failure of compromise
- X. The Civil War, 1861-1865
  - a. Mapping advantages of each side
  - b. Battles, leaders and generals